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DEPARTMENT FOR OES/NET; PLEASE PASS DOE FOR SLAWSON AND
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR LAFLEUR

E.O. 11652: NA
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SUBJECT: REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION BY GOC DEPARTMENT OF
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

1. IN A DISCUSSION OF VARIOUS US/GOC TECHNICAL EXCHANGES,
WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ENERGY POLICY DIVISION OF
EXTAFF ON AUGUST 2, 1978, THE SCICOUNS WAS ASKED ABOUT THE
STATUS OF CERTAIN SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION MADE
BY CANADIANS TO SOME OF THE U.S. TECHNICAL AGENCIES.
2. SINCE SEVERAL OF THESE REQUESTS WERE MADE INFORMALLY
DURING BILATERAL MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON, THEIR STATUS WAS
UNKNOWN TO THE EMBOFF.
3. ONE REQUEST EMERGED FROM THE MAY 19 AND JUNE 9, 1978,
MEETINGS ON THE NEW NRC REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE
EXPORT OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS, FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT.
THE EXTAFF PEOPLE SAID THAT THEY HAVE AN URGENT NEED FOR
A SUMMARY OF THE CHANGES MADE IN THE REGULATIONS AND PRO-
CEDURES TO ASSESS THEIR IMPACT ON CANADA. THEY HAVE
"WADED THROUGH" THE MASS OF INFORMATION SUPPLIED TO THEM
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BY THE U.S., BUT NEED A SUMMARY TO GUIDE THEM THROUGH THE
MAZE.

4. AT A TIME CONVENIENT TO THE U.S. AGENCIES INVOLVED THE
GOC ALSO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A MEETING, TO BE HELD EITHER
IN OTTAWA OR WASHINGTON, WITH PARTICIPANTS FROM THE DEPART-
MENT, DOE, AND NRC ON THE U.S. SIDE, AND FROM EXTAFF,

AECB, AND AECL ON THE CANADIAN SIDE, TO GET A BETTER PICTURE OF WHAT IS INVOLVED IN THESE NEW REGULATIONS AND TO AIR THE NUMEROUS QUESTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED ABOUT THEM IN CANADA.

5. A SECOND REQUEST, WHICH WAS MADE TO DOE BY THE AECB, IS FOR A NEW SET OF PROCEDURES TO COVER VISITS OF CANADIANS TO DOE FACILITIES. THE ONLY GUIDE PRESENTLY AVAILABLE, WAS PROVIDED SOME TIME AGO BY ERDA. THE EXTAFF ALSO WANTS TO KNOW THE MECHANISM BY WHICH THEY WILL BE INFORMED OF SUCH VISITS.

6. A THIRD QUESTION HAD TO DO WITH A PROPOSED VISIT BY NRC COMMISSIONER VICTOR GILINSKY TO CANADA TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE LICENSING OF CANDU REACTORS FOR USE IN THE U.S. EXTAFF HEARD ABOUT THIS PROPOSED VISIT INDIRECTLY, AND WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE STATUS (THE EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN INFORMED OF THIS VISIT).

7. THE FINAL REQUEST WAS FOR A COPY OF THE RECENTLY-NEGOTIATED U.S./IRAN AGREEMENT FOR NUCLEAR COOPERATION.

8. PLEASE ADVISE EMBASSY OF STATUS OF THESE REQUESTS.
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